

Table 33-1 Mean classroom hours per week, mean student contact hours per week, and average class size for full-time postsecondary faculty, by academic rank, type and control of institution, and academic discipline of class taught: Fall 1987 and fall 1992

Characteristics	Mean class- room hours per week	Mean student contact hours per week	Average class size
Fall 1987			
Total*	9.8	300.4	30.0
Academic rank			
Full professor	8.6	277.9	32.8
Associate professor	9.1	314.5	33.6
Assistant professor	9.3	262.2	28.0
Instructor	13.4	371.2	26.9
Lecturer	9.2	424.2	41.6
Type of institution			
Research	6.5	252.5	38.5
Doctor's	8.4	279.0	33.8
Comprehensive	10.5	305.5	29.0
Liberal arts	10.6	235.7	21.4
2-year	15.0	416.6	26.5
Control of institution			
Public	10.2	324.1	31.5
Private	8.8	247.4	28.3
Academic discipline of class taught			
Agriculture	8.8	247.0	29.6
Business	10.6	327.5	29.9
Education	9.8	259.7	24.5
Engineering	9.5	256.4	27.2
Fine arts	12.1	279.5	22.1
Humanities	10.1	276.9	26.6
Natural sciences	9.4	352.9	36.0
Social sciences	8.7	328.5	37.0
Fall 1992			
Total*	11.0	337.4	30.6
Academic rank			
Full professor	9.6	323.7	33.6
Associate professor	10.1	324.9	31.5
Assistant professor	10.6	312.5	30.1
Instructor	15.9	434.0	26.3
Lecturer	9.0	301.8	34.8
Type of institution			
Research	6.9	270.3	38.9
Doctor's	9.2	356.7	39.7
Comprehensive	10.8	318.5	29.1
Liberal arts	11.0	242.2	21.4
2-year	16.2	451.9	27.3
Control of institution			
Public	11.4	358.5	31.8
Private	10.0	286.2	27.8
Academic discipline of class taught			
Agriculture	11.0	311.1	28.3
Business	11.0	317.9	29.2
Education	10.2	276.9	25.8
Engineering	9.6	243.9	25.3
Fine arts	12.4	269.3	21.5
Humanities	10.9	296.0	26.8
Natural sciences	10.2	376.4	36.4
Social sciences	9.5	357.9	36.0

* Included in the total but not shown separately are other types of academic ranks, institutions, and academic disciplines.

NOTE: See the supplemental note to this indicator for definitions of classroom and student contact hours.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Study of Postsecondary Faculty, 1988 and 1993.